Facilities to Tehri Dam displaced persons

2510. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tehri dam displaced persons have been settled by THDC in Rishikesh;

(b) whether the condition of roads in these settlements is pathetic with large ditches making it difficult for the inhabitants to commute to highways;

(c) if so, whether THDC propose to repair the road going from the main National Highway to B block of Pashulok, Vishapit Colony, Shyampur, Rishikesh;

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that the road is re-laid in a proper manner and if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Some rural oustees of Tehri Dam Project have been rehabilitated at Pashulok (Rishikesh), which is one of the rehabilitation sites.

(b) No, Sir. It has been informed that all the three major connectivity with National Highway to Pashulok (Rishikesh) *i.e.* Highway Nirmal Block Part A&B *via* Barrage and Seema Dental College; Highway to Ambag *via* IDPL; and Highway to Shyampur Block *via* Animal Husbandry Colony are in good condition and are being maintained by the Public Works Department of the Government of Uttaranchal.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Status of mega power projects

2511. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take a decision on mega power projects to be implemented based on coal by January, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it has been realized that power sector can grow only through public-private partnership; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Power through Power Finance Corporation has taken an initiative for facilitating the development of a few coal based 4,000 MW Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP) under tariff based competitive biding route through project specific shell companies. Central Electricity Authority has identified 7 pit head/coastal sites. Likely timeline for selection of successful bidders in respect of two of these projects *viz.* Sasan in M.P. and Mundra in Gujarat is set at December, 2006.

(c) and (d) Funds requirements for development of power infrastructure including the increase in generation capacity are huge and there is sufficient scope for both public and private sectors independently or jointly, to participate in the sector. Electricity Act, 2003 and policies framed thereunder, including National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy provide the enabling environment to realize these investments.

Government stake in captive power Generation

2512. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to waive the stipulation for 26 per cent Government stake in companies engaged in captive power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government took a decision that fuel feedstock used in mega projects will be coal?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) There is no stipulation for a 26% Government stake in the companies engaged in captive power generation in the Electricity Rules, 2005 issued by Government of India *vide* notification dated 8.6.2005. Relevant extract is enclosed at Statement (*See* below).